

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A computer system comprising:
a processor for operating a software application in the computer system;
the software application providing for creation, storage, and retrieval of a file, the file
having an associated profile that specifies parameters associated with a
previous instance of the file used by the software application for at least the
purpose of preparing the software application to display the file upon its
retrieval by the software application;
a plurality of storage media that are communicatively coupled to the processor; and
a storage management module that distributes stored files and associated profiles
among the plurality of storage media according to predetermined patterns,
one of such wherein at least one of the predetermined patterns being
includes separate storing storage of a file separately and from the file's
corresponding associated profile.
2. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 1 wherein at least one
of the plurality of storage media is located locally.
3. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 1 wherein at least one
of the plurality of storage media is located remotely.
4. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 1 wherein at least one
of the predetermined patterns enables retrieval of the file's associated profile before
retrieval of the file by the software application, the separate storage by the storage
management module is configured to provide more rapid retrieval of the profile than of the
file associated with the profile.

5. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 1 wherein the profiles that are stored among the plurality of storage media comprise different profiles for different versions of a corresponding file.

6. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 1 wherein the storage management module provides concurrent access of the profile and the file.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) An application specific profile storage and retrieval system comprising:

- a software application that creates a first instance of a file, the file instance being associated with a profile specific to the software application, the application specific profile specifying parameters associated with a previous instance of the file;

- a plurality of storage media that are selectively used by the processor to store the application specific profiles separately from the files; and

- a storage management module operable by the processor that manages storage of the application specific profiles and the files such that application specific profiles may be retrieved separately from the corresponding file.

9. (Previously Presented) The application specific profile storage and retrieval system of claim 8 wherein at least one of the plurality of storage media is located locally.

10. (Previously Presented) The application specific profile storage and retrieval system of claim 8 wherein at least one of the plurality of storage media is located remotely.

11. (Currently Amended) The application specific profile storage and retrieval system of claim 8 wherein the separate storage by the storage management module is

configured to retrieve the application specific profile before the corresponding file~~provide more rapid retrieval of the application specific profile than of the file associated with the application specific profile.~~

12. (Previously Presented) The application specific profile storage and retrieval system of claim 8 wherein the profiles that are stored among the plurality of storage media comprise different profiles for different versions of an associated file.

13. (Previously Presented) The application specific profile storage and retrieval system of claim 8 wherein the storage management module provides concurrent access of the profile and the file.

14. (Previously Presented) The application specific profile storage and retrieval system of claim 8 wherein the profile is retrieved prior to the file and sets up the software application in preparation for receipt of the file.

15. (Currently Amended) A method for storage and retrieval in a computer system comprising:

creating multiple instances of a file using a software application to create a first instance of a file and that specifies file parameters associated with a previous each created instance of the file,~~instance with each access of the file instance;~~

creating a new profile for an instance of the file being created at least each time the file is saved, wherein the created profile~~that includes parameters specific to that particular to the saved instance of the file;~~

sending the file, with the software application, to a storage management module that manages storage of the file with and storage of the associated profile;

storing the file and the associated profile to separate storage locations in the computer system;

requesting the retrieval of the file with the software application such that the storage management module retrieves the file and the associated profile as though the file and the associated profile were located in a single position; and formatting the software application in accordance with the parameters specified in the profile with the retrieved profile prior to display of the file with the software application.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15 wherein the software application is selected from the group consisting of a word processor, an engineering graphics program, a standard graphics program, a database, and a web browser.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15 wherein a different profile is stored with the storage of each ~~version-instance~~ of the file as the file is created.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15 wherein the storage management module distributes different files and file ~~versions-instances~~ in a first set of storage media and stores different profiles for each of the files and ~~version-instances~~ of those files in a second set of storage media.